

Questions for Panama NOFO

(April 15, 2015)

- If my organization applied for funding the previous year and was not selected, can we apply again?
Embassy Panama City encourages all who are interested and meet the criteria listed in the notice of funding opportunity to apply.
- How do I obtain a DUNS number if I'm not a US-based organization (and don't have a State, Zip Code, etc.)?
The process for obtaining the DUNS number should be the same for organizations outside the US. Your organization should go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/pages/CCRSearch.jsp>, and select Panama as the territory. If the organization has had a DUNS number in the past, they should click on "Request Your Existing DUNS Number" (see screen shot below). If the organization is making new request, they should click on "Request a New DUNS Number," and make sure to select Panama as the country. If they should have any issues, they should contact D&B at govt@dnb.com or call 1 954 837-1506 per the [Global Customer Service Centers site](#).
- Would a specific percentage of cost-share be required and/or expected in successful proposals?
Per the NOFO, cost share is not a requirement for a successful proposal. Applicants may offer cost share, however cost share will not be considered or factored in when proposals are reviewed. If a grantee selects to include cost share, the grantee must follow cost sharing or matching policy as stipulated in 2 CFR 200.306.
- How do I submit an application?
Per the NOFO, please fill out the application package under the notice on grants.gov. (<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=275044>)
- Could you give me instructions on how to verify if our DUNNS, SAMS/Engage numbers are active?
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- Can one organization submit more than one proposal?

Embassy Panama City invites all who are interested and meet the criteria listed in the NOFO to apply. To ensure that proposals are targeted and focused on the given objective(s) in the NOFO, the Embassy encourages the submission of only one proposal per organization. However, if your organization believes that it has the capacity to address multiple objectives in the NOFO by submitting more than one proposal, it may do so. Per the NOFO, a proposal may focus on one and preferably no more than two of the objectives.

- Is there any possibility the period of questions could be extended considering the Summit? Is there a phone number where I can call and ask questions?
Per the NOFO, the deadline to submit questions is April 11, 2015. Please submit all questions to panamagrants@state.gov by the deadline and you will receive a response.
- When do you expect for the grantees to be notified?
Applicants will be notified by September 30, 2015.
- The text of the NOFO calls for an evaluation to be completed six month after the intervention. Do these six months refer to six months after the vocational training or six months after the conclusion of the project (End date of Grant)?
All activities, including evaluations, should be completed within the period of performance of the grant.
- Objective # 2 clearly states its purpose to focus on juvenile rehabilitation and reintegration programs, yet sub-objective # 2 focuses on working with OSEGUI on crime prevention programs. Are we allowed to present primary attention (prevention of at risk youth) programs although the objective is centered in tertiary attention (juvenile reinsertion)?

Yes, proposals can focus on programs that work with at-risk youth and prevent crime. Juvenile rehabilitation can include working with those youth who are at risk of becoming incarcerated but are not yet at that point.

- How the Embassy defines “economic opportunity” and “successful employment” within the parameters of this proposal? For example, does the Embassy include small entrepreneurs, informal employment, and part-time employment within the definition of successful employment as defined in page 9 of the NOFO?
The Embassy is willing to be flexible in thinking about economic opportunity and would certainly consider small entrepreneurs as good examples of economic opportunity. Part

time employment and informal employment would need to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in the context of the broader proposal.